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For: ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS  
DECREASED IN BITTERNESS BY MASKING

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**AMENDMENT IN RCE**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2008, the period for response being extended three months to June 29, 2009 – and prior to continued examination – please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

This response includes:

Amended Claim Set; and  
Remarks.